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FM AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 7313

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FROM CHARGE FOR PATRICIA KILARNY, CA/FS/EA

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SUBJECT: SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE

1. DORIS WILMETH DEPARTS WELLINGTON NOV 10 ON
DIRECT TRANSFER TO PORT OF SPAIN.

2. LOSS OF HER SERVICE PLACES ADDITIONAL BURDEN
ON OUR THINLY MANNED SECRETARIAL STAFF. I
RECOGNIZE FACT THAT CHIEFS OF MISSION NORMALLY
CHOOSE THEIR OWN SECRETARY AND THAT ABSENCE OF
DESIGNATED AMBASSADOR HERE MAKES ASSIGNMENT
WILMETH'S REPLACEMENT DOUBLY DIFFICULT.

3. HOWEVER, IT SHOULD BE POINTED OUT THAT AT
PRESENT TIME ETHEL SHOFFNER IS WORKING FOR TWO
ACTIVE POLITICAL OFFICERS IN ADDITION TO WORKING
IN C&R TO UPGRADE HER TECHNICAL EXPERIENCE. SHE
ALSO WITH WILMETH'S DEPARTURE BEEN ASKED TO
CONDUCT ALL SECURITY INVESTIGATIONS REQUESTED
BY RSO, MANILA. MY SECRETARY WINIFRED GILMARTIN
FULLY ENGAGED. THEREFORE DEPARTMENT REQUESTED
GIVE URGENT CONSIDERATION TO EITHER: (A) REPLACE
MISS WILMETH ASAP (WITH REPLACEMENT'S SUBSEQUENT
DIRECT TRANSFER TO NEARBY POST SHOULD FUTURE
AMBASSADOR SELECT HIS OWN SECRETARY) OR (B) SEND
TDY SECRETARY SOONEST WHICH WILL PROVIDE RELIEF
AND ASSIST IN SUPPORTING UPCOMING CONFERENCES SCHEDULED

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WELLINGTON IN NEAR FUTURE.

4. INSPECTORS HAVE SUGGESTED THAT ECONOMIC SECTION
BE GIVEN SOME US SECRETARIAL ASSISTANCE.

5. I WOULD APPRECIATE ANY HELP YOU CAN PROVIDE.
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